

1806, in Leonardtown, St. Mary's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least \$5,583.10 (including 29 slaves, books, and plate). **LAND:** 207 acres in St. Mary's County.

**JORDAN, JOHN** (?-1763). **BORN:** probably in St. Mary's County. **NATIVE:** at least second generation. **RESIDED:** in Charles County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** named Justinian, probably *Justinian Jordan* (ca. 1686-1749). **MOTHER:** probably Mary, daughter of *John Coode* (ca. 1648-1708/9). **BROTHERS:** probably Justinian (?-1759); William (?-ca. 1775); *James Jordan* (?-1787); *Jeremiah Jordan* (ca. 1733-1806); and Charles (?-1790). **SISTERS:** probably several, names unknown. **MARRIED** Eleanor, daughter of William Dent (1706-1757) of Charles County and wife Anne Warren. Eleanor was the granddaughter of *Thomas Dent* (1685-1725). Her brothers were *Warren Dent* (?-1794); George, who married first, Rose Townshend Knox (?-1794), and second, in 1796, Elizabeth Harrison Knox. Her sisters were Judith, who married *Jeremiah Chase* (?-1755); Mary, who married the Rev. William Dowie; Ann, who married Samuel Briscoe (?-1796); Rebecca, who married *William Harrison* (?-1789); and Grace, who married Robert Harrison. Her niece was Mary Hanson Briscoe, who married *Michael Jenifer Stone* (1747-1812). **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** William (?-died a minor); John (?-1788), who married Sarah, whose second husband was David Easton of Washington, D.C. **DAUGHTER:** Anne, who married William Harrison of Charles County. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1754. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** possibly planter; merchant, 1762. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Charles County, 1754-1757 (Arms and Ammunition 1-4). **MILITARY SERVICE:** called captain, 1754. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** probably at least 278 acres in Charles County. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** acquired more than 294 acres in Charles County, 1754-1763; sold more than 278 acres in Charles County, 1761-1763. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** on May 29, 1763, in Charles County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,359.15.3 current money (including 1 slave and books); FB, estate overpaid £1,039.7.1. **LAND:** more than 294 acres in Charles County.

**JORDAN, JUSTINIAN** (ca. 1686-1749). **BORN:** ca. 1686. **RESIDED:** in St. Mary's County. **FAMILY**

**BACKGROUND.** **MOTHER:** Elizabeth Goldsmith (1660-?). **BROTHER:** John. **MARRIED** by 1723 Mary, daughter of *John Coode* (ca. 1648-1708/9) and wife Elizabeth. Her brothers were John, Jr. (?-1718); William (1679-?). Her stepbrother was Gerrard Slye (1654-1703). Her sisters were Winnefred; Anne. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Justinian (?-1759), who married Elizabeth, daughter of *James Mills* (?-1764); William (?-ca. 1775); *James Jordan* (?-1787); *Jeremiah Jordan* (ca. 1733-1806); Charles (?-1790), who married Ann; and probably *John Jordan* (?-1763). **DAUGHTERS:** several mentioned but not named in will. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., 1730. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1722-1724, 1725-1727, 1732-1734, 1734/35-1737. **LOCAL OFFICE:** justice, St. Mary's County, by 1719-1728 (quorum, 1727-1728). **MILITARY SERVICE:** Lt. colonel in Col. George Slater's Company (troops of horse), St. Mary's County Militia, at death. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** probably at least 200 acres in St. Mary's County (inherited from father). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** acquired more than 458 acres in St. Mary's and Charles counties, 1743-1749 (at least 258 acres by purchase); sold 158 acres in St. Mary's and Charles counties, 1747. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** between February 10 and May 3, 1749, in St. Mary's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £769.15.1 current money (including 12 slaves and books). **LAND:** more than 500 acres in St. Mary's County.

**JOSEPH, WILLIAM** (?-?). **BORN:** probably in Ireland. **IMMIGRATED:** by 1688 as a free adult from London. **RESIDED:** in St. Mary's County; returned to Dublin by 1701. **CHILDREN.** **SON:** William, of Prince George's County. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Catholic. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** as "William Joseph, Gent. of London," arrived with commission as chief executive of the colony. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant in Dublin; planter in Maryland. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Upper House, 1688 (appointed before the 2nd session of the 1686-1688 Assembly). **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES:** Council, 1688-1689; president, Board of Deputy Governors, 1688-1689. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** Joseph was a strong proponent of political rule by divine right. He alienated the Lower House by his ar-